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The Summers Creek Home-
owners' Association Board
meets at 6:30PM on the second
Thursday of each month at Ki-
wanis Island. Notices for meet-
ings are posted two days in ad-
vance at the entrance of the
community. Everyone is wel-
come to attend and contribute
their concerns and ideas. Meet-
ing minutes are posted on the
website as they are approved.



From The Board of Directors....

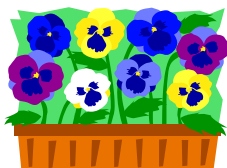
The board has managed to reduce the annual maintenance fee two years in a row and we will work toward reducing it further.

This year Summers Creek has the largest board in its eighteen year history with eight members. This means more ideas, more people overseeing things, more people involved in the decision process- in short, more people working on keeping Summers Creek at it's best.

*Our focus this year will be maintain-
ing- even improving the community's
high quality standards, while continu-
ing efforts to control costs.*

*We will be working to get the lake con-
dition back to normal, make necessary
repairs to the entrance wall and en-
hance entrance beautification with
some new plantings. We also plan to
make some refinements to the website
like adding an ARC link that will pro-
vide better guidance to help residents
plan and coordinate changes to the ex-
terior features of their properties
within covenant guidelines.*

*Despite popular superstition about 13
being an unlucky number, it looks like
2013 will be a very good year for Sum-
mers Creek.*



Association News

Annual Meeting & Election—

The annual membership meeting was held Feb 5 at Kiwanis Island with 18 homeowners in attendance and 26 represented by proxies. The election results are shown in the left panel of this page.

Lake Fountain Repair—

In December, the west fountain in the lake stopped working. The problem was a shorted underwater power wire. The wire was replaced and the fountain was successfully restarted January 31.

Eco-Balancing The Pond—

We are still working to recover from last year's sudden fish kill, which depleted the pond of most of its carp. We bought 25 new carp in February and have been advised to add 25 more along with other fish to get the unsightly floating algae and Chara under control. Herbicides have not been recommended as the sole solution here because eliminating the chara all at once would reduce lake oxygen levels too much and endanger the fish. Algae has also been a constant problem, largely due to grass clippings and fertilizer getting into the pond through the storm drains.

Front Wall Repairs Needed—

The front wall is in need of repairs in several areas, both from the recent accident and to address some developing structural problems. Quotes are being obtained from qualified contractors. The work is not expected to take long or be disruptive to residents.

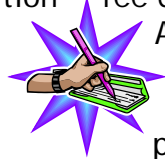
Important Announcements, Messages & Information....

New Residents, Welcome!



Several new families have moved into the neighborhood over the past few months. Please join us in making them all feel welcome. Farewell and best wishes to those families leaving soon for other areas.

Treasurer's Note— The \$140 annual association fee due January 1st is late March 31.



After that a 1.5% per month late charge begins accruing plus a \$50 penalty after July. The timely payment of these fees ensures that we can continue to meet expenses and keep fees low. We thank those who have already paid.

ARC Reorganization— We have a new ARC



Chairperson this year. Mrs. Sharon Ferrall will be taking over from Pat Carter who has chaired the committee for the past several years. We thank Mrs. Carter for her years of dedicated effort in that capacity and welcome Mrs. Ferrall.

Neighborhood Watch— Our Neighborhood



Watch Program is about being aware of your surroundings and looking out for your neighbors. It works best when everyone participates. If you see suspicious activity, call the Sheriff's Department non-emergency number 633-7162 and a patrol will be sent to check it out. If you see what looks like a crime in progress, dial 911 and tell the operator what's going on. In either case, inform your block captain after you call so they can be aware and follow-up if necessary. The contact information for the block captains is posted on the summerscreek.us website.

The Neighborhood Watch news will be incorporated into this newsletter this year. The BCSO crime stats will be released by the Program Coordinator via email as will any special bulletins that may be beneficial to residents.

(Note: Summers Creek's Neighborhood Watch Program is neither part of nor funded by the Summers Creek HOA.)

About Irrigation— With daylight savings



time (March 10), sprinklers can run twice weekly. Even numbered addresses Thursdays and Sundays, odd numbered Wednesdays and Saturdays, up to an hour/zone, but not between 10AM and 4PM. See floridaswater.com or call 1-800-725-5922 for more information. Note: Using pond water for irrigation is not recommended as certain herbicides used in the pond from time to time will also kill lawns.

Protecting the Pond—These drain markers



you may have noticed in Phase II lately are part of a comprehensive effort to protect the pond. Here's the problem: The swales in Phase I and the storm drains in Phase II go directly to the pond, not the sewer system. Grass clippings and fertilizer left on sidewalks and streets, which contain high amounts of nitrogen, are carried by sprinkler run off and rain to the pond and cause excess algae, which is difficult and expensive to control. What you can do: Blow clippings and fertilizer back onto your lawn. The clippings provide a nitrogen rich mulch that benefits your lawn and you avoid wasting fertilizer. We may not be able to reduce 100% of the run-off, but it would make a big difference if we all did our best. Incidentally, there is now an ordinance with county imposed fines for illicit dumping and inspectors will be talking to violators.

Home Maintenance Tip— If your automatic



lawn lamp no longer works, and you've checked the bulb and the breaker, it may be the photocell on the wall near the lamp. These can easily be replaced for under \$15 at Home Depot.

Have a Great Spring Everyone!

